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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kiwamu TAKEHISA *et al.*
Serial Number : 09/608,964
Filed : June 30, 2000
For : ULTRA-NARROW BAND FLUORINE LASER
APPARATUS
Examiner : Jose R. Diaz
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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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January 5, 2004

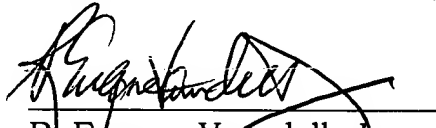
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed September 3, 2003. The Official action mailed September 3, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a one-month extension of time, extends the due date for filing a response to January 3, 2004. Since January 3, 2004, was a Saturday, a response or other action can be timely filed to the Official action mailed September 3, 2003, on the next business day, Monday, January 5, 2004.

A check in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00) for the government one-month extension of time fee is attached hereto.

In the event this paper or the response filed together herewith is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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